

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:
transitioning a processing unit of a computer system into a low power mode;
processing verbal interface with a low power subsystem coupled with a computer system, the subsystem containing a speech recognition unit; and
after the processing unit has transitioned into the low power mode, accessing data contained within a memory device of the computing system, via a low-power subsystem.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is contained within a database shared by the subsystem and the memory device.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the data contained in the computing system includes multimedia data.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising accessing data from a network via the low-power subsystem.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein the network is accessed using a wireless interface.

6. The method of claim 4, wherein the network is an electronic store allowing an electronic purchase.
7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
presenting the data accessed to the user.
8. The method of claim 8, wherein the data is presented via an audio medium.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein the data is displayed.
10. A system comprising:
a central processing unit;
a memory device coupled to the central processing unit; and
a user interface to receive verbal instructions from a user; and
a low-power subsystem having a database synchronized the memory device and
a processor with access to the database and a voice recognition unit to
interface with the user interface verbally, the low-power subsystem in
operation when the central processing unit enters a low power mode.
11. The system of claim 10, further comprising a housing unit containing the central
processing unit and the low-power subsystem.

12. The system of claim 10, wherein data contained within the database includes multimedia data.
13. The system of claim 10, further comprising a wireless network interface.
14. The system of claim 13, wherein the wireless network interface connects with a local area network.
15. The system of claim 13 wherein the wireless network interface connects with a wide area network.
16. The system of claim 10, further comprising a video display to display data from the shared database.
17. The system of claim 10, wherein the user interface is wireless.
18. The system of claim 17, further comprising an audio headset to receive audio data transmitted from the wireless user interface.
19. The system of claim 17, further comprising a cellular phone to receive data transmitted from the wireless user interface.

20. A machine-readable storage medium tangibly embodying a sequence of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method comprising:
transitioning a processing unit of a computer system into a low power mode;
processing verbal interface with a low power subsystem coupled with the computer system, the subsystem containing a speech recognition unit;
and
after the processing unit has transitioned into the low power mode, accessing data contained within a memory of the computing system, via the low-power subsystem.
21. The machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, wherein the data to be accessed is contained within a database shared by the subsystem and the processing unit.
22. The machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, wherein the data contained in the computing system includes multimedia data.
23. The machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, further comprising accessing data from a network via the low-power subsystem.

24. The machine-readable storage medium of claim 23, wherein the network is accessed using a wireless interface.
25. The machine-readable storage medium of claim 23, wherein the network is an electronic store allowing an electronic purchase.
26. The machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, further comprising:
presenting the data accessed to a user.
27. The machine-readable storage medium of claim 26, wherein the data is presented via an audio medium.
28. The machine-readable storage medium of claim 26, wherein the data is displayed.